

most money should have the publishing house. If South Bend, Ind., pays the most, the publishing house goes there, &c. Now it seems to me bids are in order. If you brethren want to work this plan, and have money to back up a good theory, now is the time to speak out in meeting. As far as I am concerned the place does not trouble me. It is the principle we uphold. If we can push it from Ashland, all right. If we can push it from some other place, all right. It is not the place but the pushing I am thinking about, and if every individual who thinks we ought to have a better paper will write a letter or send items of news there will be a visible improvement all along the line.

Old Friends Meet Again.—I had the pleasure of meeting many old friends on my visit west, Meyersdale, Johnstown, Louisville, and other places, Ashland included. I also visited Rose-dale, Conemaugh, and several places I had not seen before. My expectations of the church have been met, and there is for her a bright prospect, but she must be true to her creed, and keep free from standing committees. Even though called progressive, human nature among Progressives is about the same as among others, and if switched in human channels, the same work will have to be repeated, but true to God, and God will be true to us. I wanted to visit several places but felt under obligations to return home. I looked several times in your direction Cyrus Hegler, but could not make it. With prayers for the success of the church, I am truly,

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

Beaver City, Neb.

I left home on Wednesday the 21st of this month to attend the communion with the brethren in the North Solomon church, Osborn Co., Kans. I preached at Portis, a little town 11 miles west of Downs, on Friday evening, the 23rd. The attendance was not large but the attention good.

On Saturday, the 24th, in company with D. O. Brumbaugh, Elder in charge of this church, we started for the place of communion, 3 miles north of Downs. When we arrived, we found a number of the members and others feeding upon the crumbs of life as dropped by brother H. E. Faidley, from Burr Oak, Kans. This was as it should be. As soon as a little company are assembled at the place appointed for worship service should commence. How much good it seems to do us to find our dear brethren and sisters thus engaged. As we entered the house every eye seemed to sparkle with joy and we were no less happy, and were made to feel at home in meeting God's children thus engaged, especially where we are so well acquainted. At this very place a little over one year ago we held a protracted meeting and a number united with the church, nearly all of whom surrounded the communion table. This was indeed a lovefeast. All seemed to be happy while engaged in the practice of the ordinances of God's house. As there was a call made by Eld. Brumbaugh for official help, the request was placed before the church, resulting in the election of Bro. John Walters, to the min-

istry, and Bro. Allen Lewis to the deaconship. Both are talented and worthy young brethren and we believe the cause of the brethren may be much strengthened and advanced at this place by these brethren in this calling. May God bless them and enable them to be faithful.

The brethren at North Solomon are gradually gaining ground. There are a number of good workers here and with God's blessings we may hope for good results. Unfortunately the dunkard church at this place is represented by the three elements. Old order, German Baptists, and the Brethren. This is not as it ought to be, but a good feeling seems to prevail, which is commendable.

During the short time we remained here our meetings were well attended and good interest was manifested.

I returned home by way of Burr Oak, accompanied by brother Faidley who made our trip more pleasant. As I had but little time to stop I could only make a friendly call. Found all the members still firm in the faith of the Brethren. Ministering Brethren travelling that way should not forget to make the brethren at Burr Oak a call. I arrived home on Tuesday the 27th and found all well. Thank God. Tomorrow we expect to commence moving our church house and as soon as we can get it in shape we expect to hold a communion. God bless the work of the convention.

C. FORNEY.

The College Corner Dedication.

On the 18th inst., I left home enroute for Wabash, Ind., to attend the dedication at College Corner, about ten miles south of the city of Wabash, and near Somerset. At Wabash I met Bro. Fitzgerald and several other brethren from Roann, on their way to the dedication, and after we had got some peaches and a watermelon, we set out for Bro. Wagoners at Somerset. After we had eaten supper we went to the church to attend to some little business preparatory to the work of the next day and evening. Here Bro. Fitzgerald played one of his mean little tricks on me, by inducing the church to have me preach the dedicatory sermon. The house is a reconstructed edifice, having been built by the Campbellites some years ago, but they became numerically weak, and when the Brethren built up here they expressed themselves doubtful if they could ever rally again, and so deeded the house and lot on which it stands gratuitously to the Brethren. The Brethren then, in their zeal and energy, speedily enlarged and reconstructed the house, which is now nicely fitted up, affording a seating capacity of between three and four hundred.

The house was filled to its uttermost capacity at the dedication service, and many could not get in. In the evening we had communion services, but here Bro. Fitzgerald failed to make it on us. He is the Elder of that congregation and he organized the church and this was the first communion and it was no more than right that he should conduct the first communion. The table, which was about fifty feet long, was so crowded that several members did not sit down to

the table until we were ready to eat the supper, and then they had to "wedge" themselves in. There were more German Baptists present on this occasion than I ever saw at a Brethren meeting, and were, as I learned afterwards, well pleased with the services. Although everything was as quiet and orderly about the table and in that part of the house that the G. B's. occupied as could be expected, there was some confusion in the house, and more than the law, or even good manners require outside. This was however, I think, principally owing to the vast throng. Men and women stood up on the seats until there seemed to be a dense sea of faces beaming down on the communion services.

Last spring a brother held a protracted meeting at the Corner, resulting in 25 additions by baptism and five from the German Baptists, all of whom are there yet, full of zeal excepting one who came from the German Baptists, has gone back to the old church. I suppose there was more rejoicing over the one than there is over ninety and nine (of us) who need no repentance of that kind.

Monday evening a brother tried to preach, and when an invitation was given at the close, two, an Advent lady and a Baptist lady came forward and confessed the Lord Jesus and desired to be buried into His death. Accordingly next morning we met at the church, then went to the Red Bridge and baptized them in the river where we buried 25 last spring and where Bro. Fitzgerald, by the hands of Bro. John Fox, baptized some ten or twelve before. The day was exceedingly chilly and the water cold, but the sisters were brave, and when we asked old sister Baker if she was cold, she said, "No, no, I am not cold, neither afraid of the water. I have been baptized once, but I want to be right, and I don't weep for sorrow, I weep for joy, for I feel better now than I ever felt."

My address for the next three months will be Waterloo, Iowa.

J. H. SWIHART.

From the "Valley."

Came down from the Convention to Dayton; was met by Bro. P. L. Miller and taken to Zimmerman, where we held our regular meeting. Our Bro. Duncan not putting in an appearance, we naturally inquired for the cause, and were made sad to learn that he was sick. On Monday morning, we, with Bro. Miller, visited him and found that he was really in a dangerous condition. The foundation of his sickness is what is usually termed "heart trouble." His body and limbs swollen, breathing difficult, and unable to converse on account of shortness of breath. We prayed with him and tried to give him what little consolation we could. Have not heard from him since; hope he may be better. During the balance of the week we visited several families in the neighborhood of Miamisburg; took in Bro. Mason's meeting on Friday evening and on Saturday had the pleasure of a visit with the family of Bro. Simon Oaks. Talked to the people near Stillwater Junction, about a trip to California; were very hospitably entertained by our friend Monroe Stetter.

On Sunday morning Oct. 2nd,

was brought to Bear Creek by friends Ebbe and Flora, where we met a rather small congregation, owing in part to the fact that diphtheria is raging among the people and especially the children, west of Bear Creek church. In the evening we had a full house and laid the plan for Ashland College before the people, left the matter in the hands of Bro. A. Beeghly. I think the result will be gratifying. I received a note from Bro. Samuel Rauch, conveying the sad intelligence that their little daughter Rachie had died, with a request that we meet with them at 2 p. m. next day to conduct the burial service, which disconcerted our plan of taking the midnight train for home. Today we went to the house of mourning. Found Sister Rauch, the eldest daughter, Sister Irene, and the little one, Ivie, all sick in bed, and our little friend Rachie asleep in the embrace of death. Only Bro. Rauch and our young friend Cora were able to minister to the wants of the sick. The parting with the remains of little Rachie was extremely sad under the circumstances. Owing to the sickness in the family, the funeral discourse was deferred—will be preached on the 30th, if by that time the family is able to attend. Tonight we shall start for home, and on Friday, the 7th, for Greene Co., Pa., to labor with Bro. Henry Wise and the good people there, for a few weeks. There seems to be no rest yet.

"Life is real, life is earnest."

P. J. BROWN.

Oct. 3, 1887.

Masontown, Pa.

Last Sunday Bro. Geo. H. DeBolt baptized five persons in the Monongahela river at Brown's landing. This make 29 members he has taken in at this place since April. Their new house is about ready for dedication. Any congregation need not ask nor desire a more successful and energetic pastor than Bro. DeBolt. He has made 49 additions to the Masontown church since he was ordained, June 11th, 1886.

M. M. STERLING.

Maurertown, Va.

We had an engagement with an old friend to meet him at his station on the evening of the 15, ultimo, at 5 o'clock at which time he desired baptism. A late train kept him waiting until 9 o'clock at night. We at once went in search of a suitable place. When one was found, he exclaimed, "I am ready; I have delayed this duty long enough," though we were alone, the rest remaining at the house, I suppose thinking we were only in search for a place, who was I that I could forbid water, seeing he was willing to follow Christ in all his teaching, there, in a lone place, no person present but preacher and candidate. After a season of prayer we both went down into the water and he was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and I surely think he went to his home rejoicing. Next day we met Bro. Bowman's old congregation in council. They made choice of an Elder to take charge for the present, and called Bro. Frank Koontz as their preacher. We have now to report two additions in the Rockingham charge, by baptism one in this charge, and last Sun-

day, seven in the Providence charge, making ten since our last report. We have about six waiting for baptism which we have agreed to do next Saturday.

Our communion services will begin on the 22nd of this month at Round Hill, at 3 P. M. We would be pleased to have a full turn out of the members of the Valley churches and extend an invitation, especially to any of our ministering brethren.

E. B. SHAVER.

A Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting will commence at Homerville, Gage Co., Neb., on Sunday the 16th, inst., and will continue from seven to ten days. On Saturday night, 22nd, a communion meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all who may feel like attending our meeting. I hope some of our ministering brethren will assist us during our protracted effort. Who will come? Homerville is located on the Union Pacific Railway, 8 miles south east of Beatrice. Eld. J. W. Beer preached for us at Homerville on yesterday, in the morning and also in the evening. His discourses were profound and deep. We were very glad to meet with Bro. Joseph once more, but we did not get to visit with him as much as we would have liked to. This morning he left this city for his home in the far West. God bless him and vouchsafe his journey.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 3, '87.

Louisville, Ohio.

The Louisville congregation of the brethren church, Stark Co., will hold a series of meeting commencing on the evening of the 15th, Oct. Our communion service will be held on the evening of the 27th. Bro. Ed. Mason will be with us. All are invited.

JOSIAH KEIM, Pastor.

Lovefeast Notices.

There will be a lovefeast held at the Silver Creek meeting house four miles north of Falls City, Nebraska, on Saturday evening, October 29, beginning at 5 o'clock p. m., to which the neighboring churches and especially the isolated members in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska are invited.

By order of the church.

S. C. STUMP, Elder.

E. L. YODER, Pastor.

The Brethren church at Homer expects to hold a communion service at their meeting house, October 24th, at 7 p. m. All are invited.

H. S. JACOBS.

Homerville, Ohio.

Blanco Meeting House.

No providential hindrance, the Blanco Meeting house of the Brethren Church, will be dedicated on the 30th of October. Dedicatory sermon is to be preached by Elder A. J. Sterling. Services to commence at 10½ o'clock; also communion services in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Communion meeting in the Glade Run meeting house, on the evening of the 5th of November. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like precious faith.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.